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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 113-115, 117-122 and 146 are pending in this Action. In the Official Action mailed on February 11, 2008 the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 113-115 and 119-122. The Examiner allowed claims 117, 118 and 146. The Examiner made this action FINAL.

In order to expedite allowance of the allowed claims, Applicants have canceled the rejected claims 113-115 and 119-122 from this application. In view of this amendment, the only remaining claims pending in this application are the claims allowed by the Examiner in the Official Action mailed February 11, 2008. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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